



Women's Giving Circle of Harford County November 2021 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

As we near Thanksgiving, I'd like to reflect on what our WGC members have to be thankful for.

Our growing membership – After starting the year with 79 members, we have grown to 107 members!

Our talented membership – Nine of our members are former Athena Leadership Award recipients. The ATHENA Leadership Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in their career and assisted the advancement of women in their professional communities.

Our 10th Anniversary celebration – After a year delay due to COVID, we were finally able to celebrate our 10th anniversary.

Our impact – Over 11 years, we have granted over \$445,000 to 55 non-profits serving women, families, and children in Harford County.

Our recognition – We were recognized by the Maryland General Assembly and the County Executive for 10 years of serving women, families and children in Harford County.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Donna Kreis, Chair



November 22nd Deadline for Member's Choice Award Voting

Voting for our second annual Members' Choice Award closes on November 22nd. View the presentations for the three eligible nominees [here](#) and then cast your vote by using the ballot [linked here](#). The organization with the most votes will be our second Members' Choice Award recipient! We will announce the winning organization at our holiday happy hour for members on Giving Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at the Maryland Golf and Country Club. For details and to RSVP for the event, please [click here](#).



Recap of 10th Anniversary Celebration

The WGC celebrated our 10th Anniversary (in our 11th year) on October 19th at the Vandiver Inn

in Havre de Grace. A slide show of pictures from the event is available on the WGC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btF67Jalb7k>. Thanks to [Jim Lockhard Photography](#) for photographing the event.

Founders Jayne Klein and Marlene Lieb shared the history of the WGC's founding, and Jodi Davis shared members' perspectives about why they joined and our impact. A video of thanks from grant recipients, coordinated by Karen Blandford and Yvette Valentin, was shown. Thank you to all who helped make this night successful.

Renewing your Membership

Invoices were sent to members with outstanding membership renewals in mid-November. As of November 21, we have 34 members who need to renew their membership. Follow the two steps below to renew your membership by December 15th:

- 1) Access the [grant fund website](#) and click on the "Credit Card Donation" button in the upper left corner of the page. Enter your amount - \$500 or \$200 (if under age 35) - and the rest of your payment information. (If you select a recurring payment option, remember to ensure that your total membership is paid by December 15th.)
- 2) Access the [administrative fund website](#) and enter your contact and payment information to pay the \$50 administrative fee.

A simple snapshot of the process is provided below. For questions, or if you need assistance with renewing, send an email to: wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com. We are happy to assist!

Giving Online in Two Steps

Step 1: Make your contribution to the grant fund via [Growfund](#) in the amount of \$500/\$200.

The screenshot shows the Growfund website interface. A blue arrow points from a box labeled "Credit Card Donation" to a button on the website. The website header includes the Growfund logo and "Account Information" for the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County. A large logo for "The Women's Giving Circle of Harford County" celebrating its 10th anniversary is visible at the bottom.

Step 2: Make your contribution to the administrative fund in the amount of \$50 regardless of your membership level.

The screenshot shows a contact and pricing form for the administrative fund. It includes fields for "Your first name", "Your last name", and "Your email address". Under "Choose a pricing option", there are two radio buttons: "Administrative Fees \$50.00" (which is selected) and "Administrative Fees plus CC Processing Fee \$52.50". A "Continue" button is located at the bottom right. The Women's Giving Circle of Harford County logo and name are at the bottom, with a "\$50" price tag.

Membership and Outreach Committee Update

As of November 1, 2021 we have passed our 100 active members goal and continue working to see how far we can exceed our goal by year end!

During the month of October, the Membership and Outreach Committee continued welcome orientation communications with new members and joined in hosting many prospective members at the WGC's 10th year Anniversary Gala!

We hosted an exciting Meet & Greet Event on November 10th at Coakley's Pub in Havre de Grace. Alicia Hamilton, Executive Director of Found in Faith Ministries, gave an inspiring talk. We had six new members, including three Next Generation members join that night.

We continue to invite new members who would like to be showcased in a new Facebook announcement feature that would include a picture, brief information on how they became connected to WGC and some personal background. Please email us if you are interested.

As always, we encourage members to invite friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the WGC website. If you would like us to reach out to anyone personally, please email us their information at: wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com and we will contact them directly.

Remember to check if employer's matching programs qualify WGC membership dues!

****Look for your 2021 Membership renewal notices****

Happy Thanksgiving!

Allison Cuneo
Donna Kahoe
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

Join or Renew Today!





The WGC at the Pink Pumpkin Patch

The WGC took part in Volun-Teen's 2nd Annual Pink Pumpkin Patch supporting Cancer LifeNet at UM Upper Chesapeake Health! Many thanks to Emily Dickerson, WGC's artistic wizard, for working her magic again!

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